constantly increasing due to ever rising infiltration of Bangladeshis ; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) Population of Tripura has been increasing at a rate Higher than the national average. It is, however, difficult to estimate precisely how much of the increase is on account of infiltration from Bangladesh. Growth of population affects the land-man ratio anywhere in the country including Tripura.

(b) Government's policy in this regard is to prevent the entry of the infiltrators and, where they have found entry, to detect and deport them.

Issue of identity cards

2141. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in many countries multi-purpose identity cards have been issued to citizens ; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to issue multi-purpose identity cards to the citizens ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Identity cards are being issued in specified border areas of the States of Rajasthan and Gujarat with a view to register bonafide residents, to collect reliable information regarding status of residents and to check movement of visitors who stay for more than thirty days.

Shelter to Kashmiri migrants

2142. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the Kashmir Times dated the 25th June, 1992 under the caption 'Migrants without Cover in Jheree Camp' ; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take to provide adequate shelter to the affected migrants ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) In Jheree Camp for Kashmiri migrants, 427 complete tents, 167 outer-flies and 42 inner-flies needing replacement have been replaced. The tents procured for Camps in Jammu Region during the last one year were of standard quality and 1,000 of them were made by the Ordnance Factory. Jheree Camp has regularly been visited by the senior officers of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir and there is a regular interaction with the representatives of the camps. Sanctioned relief to the eligible camp inmates has also been provided.

Migration from J&K to Pakistan

2143. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in Kashmir Times, Jammu of the 26th March and 29th

May, 1992 to the effect that '3more cross over to Pakistan' and 'two women among 6 cross over to POK' ;

(b) if so, what is the number of persons who crossed the Line of Actual Control during the years 1989-90, 1991 and so far in 1992 and the reasons therefor ;

(c) what steps Government propose to take to stop this migration to inspire confidence amongst the people in the country ; and

(d) whether the migration is due to fear of loss of employment opportunities in J & K ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) The Government is aware of the press report in question.

(b) to (d) The Government of Jammu and Kashmir have informed that there are reports of about 4450 persons having crossed over to the other side of the Line of Control and International Border since 1989, due to propaganda and allurement by Pakistani and POK authorities that each family of muslims who would cross over to that side would be given Rs. 25,000 alongwith a residential plot and a scholarhsip of Rs. 300 to each of their wards.

Vigil in the border areas has been intensified with action to plug exfiltration and infiltration routes.

Special Development Schemes have also been launched in these areas with a view to restroring confidence among the people living there.

Crossing over by Bangladeshis to Pakistan

2144. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item under the caption "175 Bangladeshis cross to Pakistan from Ramgarh" which appeared in the Kashmir Times dated the 10th May, 1992 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the number of Bangladeshis who crossed over to Pakistan from Ramgarh (J &K) border during the years 1989-90, 1991 and so far in 1992 and also those who have been killed while trying to do so ; and

(d) what are the reasons which make the Bangladeshis to cross over to Pakistan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) As per information available with the Government, only 111 Bangladeshi nationals were apprehended on border in Ramgarh area. They were subsequently pushed back to Pakistan by BSF.

(c) The information is not available. However, 13 Bangladeshi national were killed by the BSF while they were entering into India from Pakistan during the years 1989 to 1992 (Upto June).

(d) Possibly they tried to cross over to Pkistan in search of employment and job opportunities there.

Foreign Nationals in the country

2145. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV :
SHRI SURENDER SINGH :

Will the Minister of HOME